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For: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE

HAVING A SLOTTED DOMED ARCH

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Assignee, SpineCore, Inc., hereby notifies the Patent and Trademark Office that it is not entitled to status as a small entity, and that the claim for small entity status filed by the Applicant is hereby withdrawn.

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Respectfully submitted,

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